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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'TANTALIZING RED'

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is  
10 'TANTALIZING RED'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I  
15 am aware, is its attractive red flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding  
20 propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

5 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the  
flowers of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as  
it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color  
illustration of this character.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety , with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during November.

#### PLANT

Form:	Upright
Growth:	Vigorous, non-uniform
Size:	Height about 6 feet; width about 3 feet
Foliage	
Size:	Length about 2 1/2 inches; width about 1 3/4 inches
Quantity:	About 7
Color	
New foliage:	Upper side near 146A; under side near 182B
Mature foliage:	Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
Shape:	Elliptic
Texture	
Upper side:	Smooth
Under side:	Matte
Edge:	Serrated
Serration:	Slight

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5           Petioles:                   Top surface color near 144B;  
                                     Under side near 144A  
          Stipules:                 Normal  
          Auricle:                  Alan shaped  
          Rachis:                   Smooth  
          Variegation:              Slight  
10          Veination:               None observed

WOOD

          New shoots  
            Bark:                   Smooth  
15          Wood:                   Near 60A  
          Old wood  
            Bark:                   Smooth  
            Wood:                   Near 146B  
20          Flowering stem:         Length about 6 inches  
          Winter Hardiness:        Completely winter hardy  
          Resistance to Disease:    Average  
          Temperature range:        Between 16° and 120° F  
          Internode spacing:        Regular  
25          Preferred growing  
          conditions:               Full sun  
          Growth habit:             Upright  
          Leaves per stem:          About 7

30 FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

          Blooming Habit:          Recurrent  
          Bud                        About 1 3/16 inch  
            Form:                   High centered classic rose  
                                     form  
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5 Color: Before sepals divide color  
near 60A; when sepals first  
divide color near 60C; when  
petals begin to unfurl color  
near 63B

10 Sepals: Pointed on ends; regular  
appearance

Size: Length in relation to bud,  
about 1 3/8 inches

Color Topside near 158B; bottom  
near 144C

15 Peduncle

Length: About 1 3/4 inches

Strength: Firm

Color: Near 59C

20 Flower

Size: About 5 inches

Borne: Singly

Form: High centered

Petalage: About 38

25 Petaloids in center: Few

Persistence: Strong

Fragrance: Slight

Lasting Quality: About 3 weeks on plant; about  
6 days after cutting

30 Color

During first 2 days: Inner petals at flower center  
topside near 65B; bottom near  
65C; outer petals topside  
near 65B, bottom near 65C

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Base of petals

(Point of attachment): Near 158B

General tonality from a  
distance:

Near 65B

Color Change: As bloom ages, fades slight  
to near 65C; after 3 or more  
days, about the same

General tonality from a  
distance:

Dark red even after 3 or more  
days

Petals

Texture: Soft

Shape: Wider than long

Arrangement: Normal

Appearance: Satiny

#### REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Arrangement of stamens,  
Filaments and Anthers: Regularly arranged around  
styles

Color: Filaments near 162B; Anthers  
near 158B

Styles: Thin

Stigmas: Color near 158D

Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries

Shape: Round

Size: About 1/2 inch

Color: Near 144A

Seeds: No seeds observed